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SUBJECT: NORTHROP PAGE PROPOSAL FOR LIBYAN AIR DEFENSE
SYSTEM

S/S FOR ATHERTON

1. KAUFMAN, PRESIDENT OF PAGE COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONED
DEPT MAY 13 TO INFORM US OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTHROP
PAGE EFFORTS TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A LIBYAN AIR DEFENSE
SYSTEM. KAUFMAN SAID THAT LIBYAN RCC APPROVED NORTHROP
PAGE PROPOSAL MAY 12, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM QADHAFI, AND
THAT LARG IS NOW READY TO SIGN. PAGE NEGOTIATOR KINNALLY
WAS TOLD BY COL. JUMA', CHIEF OF LIBYAN AIR DEFENSE COM-
MAND THAT PRIME MINISTER JALLUD HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE THAT
USG WOULD APPROVE EXPORT OF SEVEN NEW C-130'S TO LIBYA AND
NORTHROP PAGE CONTRACT FOR AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM CONTINGENT ON
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CERTAIN ACTIONS (UNSPECIFIED) BY LARG. SINCE JALLUD HAS

ALREADY DEPARTED FOR CAIRO AND MOSCOW, KINNALLY IS MEETING WITH LTCOL. YUNIS, RCC MEMBER AND LIBYAN CHIEF OF STAFF MAY 13 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. KAUFMAN ASKED FOR LATEST USG POSITION ON NORTHROP PAGE CONTRACT. WE REPLIED THAT IT REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. KINNALLY ALSO REPORTED TO KAUFMAN THAT A FRENCH GENERAL HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI AND INFORMED THE LARG THAT IF THEY DID NOT AWARD THE AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT TO A FRENCH COMPANY, FRANCE WOULD WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT FROM THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE. ACCORDING TO JUMA', QADHAFI HAD NEVERTHELESS ORDERED THAT THE CONTRACT BE SIGNED WITH NORTHROP PAGE. RUSH

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